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CARRIE JANE)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: PROPOSED PRESS STATEMENT

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 1977; AND B) STATE 131853

1. I MET TODAY (JUNE 12) WITH DUTCH AMBASSADOR VAN DEN BERG,
DAVID HAMBURG OF STANFORD, AND PARENTS OF KIDNAPPED STUDENTS
MESSRS. HUNTER AND SMITH, AND GROUP URGED THAT STATEMENT TO
PRESS BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY INDICATING RECEIPT OF SECOND STUDENT
LETTERS.

2. PROPOSED STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

QTE THE NETHERLANDS AND THE AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN DAR ES SALAAM,
AMBASSADOR JAN C. VAN DEN BERG AND AMBASSADOR W. BEVERLY CARTER,
HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED SECOND LETTERS FROM THE
KIDNAPPED STUDENTS WHO WERE ABDUCTED THE NIGHT OF MAY 19 FROM
GOMBE RESEARCH STATION ON THE SHORES OF LAKE TANGANYIKA.

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THE LETTERS SENT BY CARRIE JANE HUNTER AND KENNETH STEPHEN

SMITH, BOTH AMERICANS, AND EMILIE BERGMANN, A NETHERLANDS CITIZEN, WERE WRITTEN ON MAY 31 AND LATER POSTED FROM KIGOMA IN TANZANIA.

THE LETTERS APPEALED TO THE AMBASSADORS TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWER AND TO ACT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO SAVE THEIR LIVES. THE AMBASSADORS, IN TURN, WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT INTENSIVE ACTIVITY IS CONTINUING TO OBTAIN THEIR SAFE RETURN. UNQTE

3. GROUP FELT ABOVE ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO LET STUDENTS KNOW THEIR LETTERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND WERE UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AND TO KEEP PRP INFORMED OF INTEREST IN OPENING NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FOLLOWING MEETING, AMBASSADOR VAN DEN BERG AND I CALLED ON FONMIN OFFICIALS A.B. NYAKYI, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, AND BERNARD MUGANDA, DIRECTOR, EUROPE-AMERICAS DIVISION, TO REVIEW KIDNAP SITUATION (DAR ES SALAAM 2049) AND RAISED MATTER OF RELEASE OF STATEMENT. NYAKYI ADVISED WE CONTACT PAUL SOZIGWA WHO REPRESENTS PRESIDENT NYERERE ON THIS SUBJECT AND TO CLEAR WITH HIM. WE NOW ATTEMPTING REACH SOZIGWA FOR CLEARANCE. PROPOSED STATEMENT HAS ALSO BEEN RUN BY DEREK BRYCESON WHO, WHILE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC, SEES NO PROBLEMS.

5. IF STATEMENT CAN BE APPROVED BY DEPT AND GETS SOZIGWA OK, WE PROPOSE RELEASING IT HERE IN THE HOPE DEPT SPOKESMAN WOULD ALSO RELEASE IT FRIDAY NOON BRIEFING. WE WOULD SEEK USE OF STATEMENT ON VOA, BBC, DUTCH RADIO AND RADIO TANZANIA. WE WOULD FEND OFF ANY QUESTIONS PULLING ON THE LANGUAGE OF REF B, PARA 6, WHICH SAYS: QTE UNREMITTING EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING IN THE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE THREE KIDNAPPED STUDENTS. THE FIRST STEP SEEMS TO BE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THOSE HOLDING THE STUDENTS, AND STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO DO SO. AS YOU CAN UNDERSTAND, THIS IS A VERY DELICATE SITUATION AND WE WISH TO SAY OR DO NOTHING WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THESE EFFORTS OR WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER THE STUDENTS. WE THEREFORE CANNOT COMMENT FURTHER. UNQTE (NOTE: WE ARE DELIBERATELY OMITTING THE PHRASE FROM REF B, PARA 6, WHICH SAYS QTE . . . AND ALL CONCERNED AUTHORITIES ARE COOPERATING TO THIS END. UNQTE)
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6 WOULD PROPOSE RELEASING STATEMENT ON FRIDAY, 1000 HOURS LOCAL IN ORDER MAKE 1300 HOURS RADIO TANZANIA NEWSCAST TO WHICH WE BELIEVE REBELS LISTEN.
CARTER

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